

Village of Fall Creek
Minutes of Regular Village Board Meeting
February 8, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m. Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Pledge to Flag**
3. **Roll Call:** Members Present: President Chester Goodman, Trustees Tina Jacobson, Bob Jenkins, Matt Mattoon, Wayne Steinke, Aaron Wilhelm. Members Absent: Karen Strasburg. Staff Present: Police Chief Chad Dachel, Public Works Director Bryan Kaatz, Clerk-Treasurer Renee Roemhild. Also Present: Village Attorney Garrett Nix, and 9 citizens.
4. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted in the three public places & newspapers were notified.
5. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Steinke/Mattoon) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Act on Minutes:**
 - MOTION (Steinke/Wilhelm) to approve the 1/11/16 Regular Board and the 1/22/16 Public Property & Health Committee meeting minutes. PASSED, without negative vote.
7. **Citizen Input:** None.
8. **Correspondence:** Various thank you notes and letters from middle school students were relayed to the Board.
9. **Budget Comparison Report/Financial Considerations:**
 - MOTION (Steinke/Mattoon) to approve the 1/31/16 Budget Comparison Report. PASSED, roll call vote: Jacobson-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Steinke-yes, Wilhelm-yes, Goodman-yes.
10. **Consider Bills:**
 - MOTION (Steinke/Jenkins) to approve bills #22788-22828, V16001-16041. PASSED, roll call vote: Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Steinke-yes, Wilhelm-yes, Goodman-yes, Jacobson-yes.
11. **Scheduled Speakers/Issues of Interest**
 - A. **Russell Berg, Introduction of New Fire Chief:** Russell Berg introduced himself to the board. He has been a fire fighter since 1992 and has been a member of the Fall Creek Area Fire Department for 8 1/2 years. He is looking forward to serving the community in this new capacity.
 - B. **Retiring Attorney Bill Thiel, Introducing Candidates for Village Attorney:** Garrett Nix introduced himself. He is looking forward to working with the Village.
 - C. **Joe Jolicoer, Xcel Energy, re: Update and Questions regarding the Conversion Process:** The conversion process is 90% completed. 38 new poles will be installed requiring 1000 feet of boring in various spots in the Village. Xcel will obtain a Street Opening Permit from the Village for all of Phase 1. A media specialist will work with notifying the public about the conversion process.
12. **Police Department**
 - A. **Monthly Report:** Police Chief Chad Dachel presented both a monthly report and annual report of cases/calls for service.
 - B. **Consider Hiring Full-time Police Officer:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Jenkins) to approve hiring Tyler Geske at \$19.00 per hour, starting February 15, 2016. PASSED, roll call vote: Mattoon-yes, Steinke-yes, Wilhelm-yes, Goodman-yes, Jacobson-yes, Jenkins-yes.
 - C. **Consider Nuisance Properties, Including Consideration of Raze Order:** Police Chief Chad Dachel reported on several disheveled properties in the village. The ordinances and legal steps required to issue a raze order were reviewed. No action taken at this time; will request additional needed information from the Building Inspector.

D. Consider Bartender Operator License Application:

- MOTION (Jenkins/Steinke) to deny Sherida Welke's application for a bartender operator license on recommendation of Police Chief Dachel. PASSED, without negative vote.

E. Consider Request to Extend Hours of Amplified Music at Chicken Chasers Bar & Grill, LLC: Police Chief Dachel noted that no action is needed as the event does not fall under the category of a Large Gathering.

13. Public Works Department

A. Monthly Report: Public Works Director Bryan Kaatz gave his monthly report on various matters concerning the public works and utility departments. Of special note, the new electronic sign was installed in Fall Creek Memorial Park.

B. Consider Rental Agreement with Brian Steinke for Re-Rental of Land Village is Renting from Doug Raether:

- MOTION (Steinke/Mattoon) authorizing the re-rental of the land near Well #2 to Brian Steinke at \$125 per acre and authorizing President Goodman to approve the crop plan in conjunction with the DNR. PASSED, without negative vote.

C. Consider Southeast Lot Site Prep, Including Contractor's Pay Request:

- MOTION (Jenkins/Wilhelm) approving pay request #2 with Haas Sons for \$33,879.70. PASSED, roll call vote: Steinke-yes, Wilhelm-yes, Goodman-yes, Jacobson-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes.

D. Consider Maintenance of Lots in Industrial Park: Public Works Director Bryan Kaatz will look for a farmer to rent out the land so the village crew would not need to mow.

E. Consider Request for Capital Equipment Purchase:

- MOTION (Jenkins/Steinke) authorizing purchase from Tractor Central of snowblower attachment for JD Tractor at a cost not to exceed \$2,300, and to sell 10-1/2 horsepower snowblower to offset the cost. PASSED, roll call vote: Wilhelm-yes, Goodman-yes, Jacobson-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Steinke-yes.

F. Consider Request for Training:

- MOTION (Jenkins/Steinke) to approve the request of Public Works Director Bryan Kaatz to attend the Annual Conference in Green Bay, with mileage, meals, and lodging paid by the Village. PASSED, roll call vote: Goodman-yes, Jacobson-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Steinke-yes, Wilhelm-yes.

14. Committee Reports: None.

15. General Business

A. Consider Capital Equipment/Repairs Plan and Possible Capital Improvements to Public Property: President Goodman noted that the Public Property Committee met on January 22, 2016 and recommended that the Village Board approval of investing in our current village-owned property, including upgrades to the Village Hall building fascia, parking lot, and Keller Park parking lot. The committee felt that the Village should lead by example if they want to attract businesses to Fall Creek.

B. Consider 2016-2020 Eau Claire County Outdoor Recreation Plan, Including Resolution Adopting Same:

- MOTION (Steinke/Mattoon) to approve Resolution #2016-0208A for inclusion in the 2016-2020 Eau Claire County Outdoor Recreation Plan. PASSED, roll call vote: Jacobson-yes, Jenkins-yes, Mattoon-yes, Steinke-yes, Wilhelm-yes, Goodman-yes.

C. Consider Appointments: Village Attorney: President Goodman appointed Garrett Nix as Village Attorney.

- MOTION (Steinke/Jenkins) to approve the above appointment. PASSED, without negative vote.

16. Adjourn:

- MOTION (Jacobson/Steinke) @ 7:45 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk-Treasurer

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